

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## A TRIBUTE TO PROF. MARK SARGENT

**HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 1997*

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a friend, constituent, lawyer, and academician who has reached a new pinnacle in an already distinguished career, Prof. Mark Sargent.

Professor Sargent will soon be relinquishing his current job at the University of Maryland School of Law, where he teaches and serves as associate dean for academic affairs, to accept the position of dean of the Villanova University Law School. As an attorney, I know many fine lawyers who have distinguished themselves in the courtroom as well as the classroom. Yet Mark is the only attorney I know whose accomplishments earned him a trusteeship over the future of the legal profession itself.

Mark Sargent, a man of great integrity, keen mind, and a scholarly passion for the law, is uniquely qualified to undertake this assignment. Prior to accepting his current assignment at the University of Maryland, Mark held teaching posts at the University of Baltimore Law School; Southern Methodist University Law School; and the Washington College of Law at American University. Mark's teaching style has earned him great praise. He was named the 1994-95 "Teacher of the Year" at the University of Maryland; and received the Spirit of Excellence Award at the University of Baltimore in 1984.

An acknowledged expert on business and securities law, Mark has written, coauthored, or edited dozens of articles which have appeared in legal journals across the Nation. He has also written or cowritten a total of three legal textbooks. In addition to his academic success, Mark has been a fixture in Maryland's legal community, and has chaired numerous committees of the Maryland Bar Association regarding various aspects of business and corporate law.

My respect for Mark Sargent goes beyond his many professional achievements. Early in my career, as a young associate at the Baltimore law firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes, & Shriver, I met Mark's wife Joan, also an associate, and have been friends with her ever since. Bright and talented in her own right, Joan currently works as a staffer in my district office. Moreover, my wife Kendel, a graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School, is a former student of Mark's.

I wish Mark Godspeed as he assumes his new responsibilities later this year. As much as I will personally miss Mark and Joan, I am happy that this opportunity has presented itself to a man who so richly deserves it. The Maryland legal community's loss is Villanova Law School's gain.

## TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF JACKIE ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOUIS STOKES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 1997*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleague, the gentle lady from Florida, Congresswoman CARRIE MEEK, to commemorate an important occasion. Fifty years ago this month, Jackie Robinson broke major league baseball's color barrier. When he made his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Jackie Robinson opened doors closed to African-American athletes. This week, activities are being held across the country to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who changed the course of history. I am honored to join my colleagues and others as we recognize the historic accomplishments of Jackie Robinson.

When he entered the major baseball league, Jackie Robinson carried the hopes and aspirations of the black community on his shoulders. It wasn't an easy road. When they recruited him, it is reported that Robinson signed a contract which included a clause that he turn his cheek to all abuse for 2 years. Jackie Robinson encountered the unrest of his teammates, some of whom wanted to be traded rather than play with Robinson. He was also barred from staying in that team's hotel in St. Louis and Philadelphia, and several clubs threatened to boycott games in which Jackie Robinson played. Through it all, Jackie Robinson endured. He changed people and he changed America.

Mr. Speaker, many of us in this Chamber can recall watching Jackie Robinson during his legendary career. As a young man in Cleveland, OH, I recall that Jackie Robinson was a hero and a role model who inspired me to set goals and then achieve them. It is fitting that we recognize the efforts of an individual who started America on a new course in race relations.

A few days ago, President Clinton spoke at Shea Stadium on the significance of Jackie Robinson's life. He said that Jackie Robinson, "changed the face of baseball and the face of America forever." Others recalled the passage from Jackie Robinson's gravestone which reads: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." I take pride in honoring Jackie Robinson on this important occasion. He is more than a hero and more than a legend in the eyes of all Americans.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB CLEMENT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 1997*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 91, I was detained by important events in my

State. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

## BLOOMFIELD CITIZENS COUNCIL AWARDS

**HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 1997*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a number of Pittsburgh residents who will be honored on May 2 with 1997 Bloomfield Citizens Council awards. Every year, the Bloomfield Citizens Council grants these awards to members of the community who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Bloomfield.

For 23 years of sharing her musical gifts with the children and adults of Bloomfield, Ginny Plowey has been selected as the 1997 recipient of the Mary Cercone Outstanding Citizen Award.

A Public Safety Award will be bestowed upon city of Pittsburgh Police Officer R. Thomas Jacques for his work in keeping zone 5 safe. I should also note that Officer Jacques was recently married and that he and his wife are currently on their honeymoon. I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

A Public Safety Award will also be given to Pittsburgh Police Commander Maurita Bryant for her leadership in protecting the residents of zone 5.

The recipient of the Community Commitment Award this year will be the Bloomfield Community Food Pantry. The Bloomfield Community Food Pantry utilizes the services of between 30 and 40 volunteers to provide a helping hand to more than 100 people in need.

Jack Schimmel, a lifelong resident of Bloomfield, will be honored with the Neighborhood Loyalty Award. He has been active in the Bloomfield Lions organization over the last 24 years, serving as both club secretary and club president during that time. He has also been actively involved in sponsoring and supervising athletics programs for young people in the community.

The Ateleta Beneficial Society and the Bloomfield Liedertafel Singing Society will each receive Heritage Awards this year. The Ateleta Beneficial Society was organized in 1924 by 235 Italian-Americans from the town of Ateleta, Abruzzi, and since that time it has promoted camaraderie and brotherhood. The Bloomfield Liedertafel Singing Society was founded in 1884, and for over 110 years it has preserved and promoted traditional German vocal music, an important component of German culture.

For their creative use of lights to depict a massive Christmas tree, as well as a number of other symbols of the season, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Armenti will receive the Most Creative Christmas Design Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Caldwell will receive an award for Most Charming Decorated Home,

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